

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son into the world, as a man, in order to make a journey. This journey was a three year trek to a cross. He came onto earth to complete a ministry, His ministry of grace. This culminated in His taking upon Himself our sins and suffering our punishment. Open our hearts Lord to understand more fully His sacrifice and open our lips to share this truth. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH 5th Saturday in Lent
Church Phone: 812-867-5088 Pastor's Cell Phone: 812-760-1854
April 5, 2025 --- 5:30 pm ---- Worship with Holy Communion

Opening Prayer /// Opening Hymn: *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"* 809

Invocation: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C:** *Amen.*

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.	C: <i>Who made the heavens and earth.</i>
P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.	C: <i>Make haste to help me, O Lord.</i>
P: Jesus began His walk to the cross	C: <i>When He was baptized in the Jordan</i>
P: He placed His own righteousness	C: <i>Upon this Sacrament to the church</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	C: <i>Laid out for Him by the Father.</i>
P: He shared the Father's grace	C: <i>With those who were hurting</i>
P: Jesus walked the path	C: <i>Of the Sacrificial Lamb</i>
P: Jesus willingly placed Himself	C: <i>In the position to be sacrificed</i>
P: This is the day the Lord has made.	C: <i>Let us rejoice and be glad in it.</i>

Psalmody: *Psalm 126*

P: When the Lord brought back the captives to Zion, we were like men who dreamed. **C:** *Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy.*

P: Then it was said among the nations, **C:** *"The Lord has done great things for them."*

P: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. **C:** *Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negev.*

P: Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. **C:** *He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him.*

All: *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Collect: Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C:** *Amen.*

Hymn: *"Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings: 782*

(Prefatory Remarks)

O.T. Lesson: *Isaiah 43: 16-21*

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Epistle Lesson: *Philippians 3: 8-14*

Holy Gospel: *Luke 20: 9-20* /// **Hymn:** “*The Church’s One Foundation*” 644

Children’s Sermon /// **Sermon** /// **Confession of Faith:** *Nicene Creed (back of hymnal)*

Offering brought to the Altar

Prayers: The families of Racine, Jerry and Bev; Racine, Jerry, Kim, Heather and Christian;
and Racine, Courtney and Mia.

Lord’s Prayer (back of hymnal)

Confession of Sins

C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, have mercy upon us. Forgive us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.*

Absolution: Upon this your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Admonition to Communicants: I exhort you in Christ, that you give attention to the Testament of Christ in true faith, and above all take to heart the Words with which Christ presents His body and blood to us for forgiveness. That you take note of, and give thanks for, the boundless love that He showed us when He saved us from the wrath of God, sin, death, and hell by His blood; and that you then externally receive the bread and wine, that is, His body and blood, as a guarantee and pledge. Let us then in His name, according to His command, and with His own Words administer and receive His Sacrament.

Blessing of Elements /// **Distribution** /// **Hymn:** “*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*” 685 vs.1,4

Closing Collect: *Heavenly Father, You grant us Your Spirit to open our eyes and enlighten our minds to serve You and fellow believers; lead us by Your Spirit to enable us to witness of Your love, live according to Your will, bring Your Word of life to others, rejoice in the goodness You have showered upon us, and reflect Your love in how we reach out to others; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

Benediction

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Kirk Horstmeyer, Pastor
Karen Whitehead, Organist

WHAT THE SCRIPTURES TEACH CONCERNING THE LORD'S SUPPER

In I Corinthians 11 the Holy Spirit led Paul to write, "This is my body" and "This cup is the new covenant in my blood" to explain the spiritual truth of the Supper: Christ is truly present in His body and blood in the bread and wine. This is a mystery, a Heavenly gift; one we can only understand in faith. Paul further says, "Therefore whoever eats the bread and drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord" and, "let a man examine himself...for he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly." There is no doubt from our Lord's Word, we are receiving His body and blood. The Father offers us forgiveness, unity of faith, strengthening of faith, etc.; it is never our right, we approach His altar only by His invitation. If you are visiting we ask that you please speak with the Pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper. We strive to lovingly carry out our responsibility to ensure the supper remains a blessing for all, never a curse. May His richest blessing be upon you all.

THIS WEEK

TONIGHT: Worship w/HC 5:30 pm
SUNDAY: Worship w/HC 8 am, SS 9:10 am, Worship w/HC 10:15 am, Voters' Meeting
TUESDAY: Confirmation 6 pm
WEDNESDAY: Choir Practice 6 pm, Lenten Meal 6:10 pm, Mid -Week Lenten Service 7 pm
THURSDAY: Bible Study 9:30 am and 6 pm
Next SATURDAY: Confirmation 9:30 am, Worship w/HC 5:30
Next SUNDAY: Worship 8 am, SS 9:10 am-Egg Hunt, Worship 10:15 am

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: WEEKLY ATTENDANCE: Sat, Mar 29: 54 LS: 48; Sun, Mar 30: 8am: 80; 10:15 am: 34; Lent Service: 48

MEMBER PRAYER LIST: Next Sat and Sun we will be praying for the following: Roeder, Bridget; Sanders, Myron and Sherry; and Sawyer, Tom and Joanne.

VOTERS' MEETING: Sunday, April 6th following the 10:15 am service. We will meet in the Lounge. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS: The children's Egg Hunt will be during Sunday School on Sunday, April 13th.

SENIOR GAME FRIDAY: Our next game day is Friday, April 25th from 12:30-3:30 pm. Have questions or want to join? Call Linda Taylor for information 812-459-6302

CEMETERY FLOWERS & DECORATIONS: As we prepare for mowing season, we ask that you would remove any flower containers or decorations placed on the ground around the cemetery plots that are not fastened to the headstone, as these hinder the mowing crew from effectively maintaining the cemetery, Thank you for helping take care of our cemetery.

LWML SPRING GET TOGETHER - EVANSVILLE EAST/WEST ZONE: Saturday, May 3rd, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Henderson, from 9 am to 1 pm CST. There will be a light breakfast and lunch served. Our speaker will be Emily Rogers, VP-Conventions, for the Indiana District. Bea Sternquist and Carol Grimm, the Co-Chairman for the Indiana District Convention Being held June, 2026, in Evansville, will also be in attendance. We will need chairman and workers for this event. Think about what you would like to do and let them know that day. The ingathering for this meeting has not been determined. Please contact Penny Letterman, (C) 812-568-7290, email: pennylwml@gmail.com; Ellen Ferguson (H) 812-359-4333, (C) 270-314-8850, email robeln@att.net; or talk/text Krista Newmaster (C) 812-499-4798.

FISH FRY NEWS: May 9th, 2025. SILENT AUCTION: We are asking for new items or themed baskets to be donated. Some ideas may include gift cards, handmade items, toys, lawn items, garden things, flowers/plants, activities, events, sports accessories, candy, popcorn, cookies, meals, golf, gas, grilling, camping, games, cycling, car wash, auto maintenance, travel, etc. Start dropping donations off in the church office starting May 1st. Bidding will be available at the Fish Fry & on our Facebook page. **KITCHEN CLEANUP:** We need all hands on deck to get the kitchens, gym, and porch ready for the fish fry. Everyone able to help, please meet on **Tuesday, April 22nd at 9 am in the gym.** **SIGN-UPS:** Sign-ups will be posted in the lounge on April 6th. Please sign up for anything and everything you can. **TICKETS:** Tickets will be available Easter Sunday, April 20. **Prices will be \$15 for adults and \$5 for kids 4-12.**

ORGANIST NEEDED: Immanuel is looking for an experienced organist, preferably familiar with Lutheran liturgy and order of service, to play for our 8:00 a.m. worship services. This is a paid position. Members of Immanuel can forward any organist prospects to Warren Korff at 812-550-7662 or wmkorff@gmail.com.

TRINITY LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL is enrolling for the 2025-2026 school year. We have openings for ages 2-5. Visit www.trinitylutheranpreschooldarmstadt.com for more information. Schedule a tour today! Yours in Christ, Breenna Smith

LWML Indiana District Convention: Another BIG EVENT is happening at the 4-H Center, June 26-28, 2026, our District Convention. We will need A LOT OF HELP, men and women, with the work leading up to the event. Carol Grimm from St. Paul's is the District Vice President. She will be coming to Immanuel in the near future to talk to all of us.